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MS: AMENDMENTS Commissioner For Patents April 4, 2005

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the Amendment.

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Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Dep. Acct. No. 01-2135 (501.40803VX1), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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